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Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently amended) A floating structure comprising:
 - a floatable hull that presents an upper deck;
 - a column assembly that is retractable and extendable below the hull; and
 - a storage vessel for storage of a material of the group consisting of hydrocarbon gas and solid hydrocarbon hydrates; and

wherein the storage vessel is surrounded by an environmental boundary for control of temperature within the storage tank vessel, and wherein a fluid of desired temperature is circulated within the boundary to control the temperature within the storage tank.
2. (Previously presented) The floating structure of claim 1 wherein the storage vessel is disposed within the floatable hull.
3. (Previously presented) The floating structure of claim 1 wherein the storage vessel is located atop the floatable hull.
4. (Cancelled)